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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

**Ron DeSantis**

Governor

**Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.**

State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In Re:

SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,  
RULES AND ORDERS MADE  
NECESSARY BY EXECUTIVE  
ORDER 21-148.

DOH No. 21-002

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**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 21-148 declaring a state of emergency due to the major structural collapse of a residential condominium building located at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida, and allowing for the waiver of certain statutes and rules that prevent, hinder, or delay any necessary action in coping with the state of emergency caused by the collapse; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple emergency medical responders have been deployed to assist in the search and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the current deadline for renewal of emergency medical technician certifications and paramedic licenses under chapter 401, Florida Statutes, is June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, I find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain statutes regulated by the Florida Department of Health would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in mitigating the effects of this emergency.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT A. RIVKEES, M.D.**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 21-148, find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Florida Department of Health will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by the major structural collapse of the residential condominium building located at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by the collapse it is necessary to promulgate the following:

Section 1:

For the purposes of responding to the effects of the building collapse at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida, the licensure and certification renewal deadlines for paramedics and emergency medical technicians are extended until July 31, 2021. Section 401.47(6), Florida Statutes, and rules 64J-1.008, and 64J-1.009, Florida Administrative Code, to the contrary are hereby suspended.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of “any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business,” and because Executive Order 21-248 provides the authority to issue this Emergency Order, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order. This order shall remain in effect as stated above or until modified by order of the State Surgeon General.

Executed this 30th day of June 2021, in Department of Health offices,  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.  
State Surgeon General